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THE BLACK ROBE.

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IX.

My record of events approaches its conclusion.

On the next day we returned to the hotel in London. At Romayne's suggestion I sent the same evening to my own house for any letters which might be waiting for me. His mind still dwelt on the duel; he was morbidly eager to know if any communication had been received from the French surgeon.

When the messengers returned with my letters the Boulogne postmark was on one of the envelopes. At Romayne's entreaty this was the letter that I opened first. The surgeon's signature was at the end.

One motive for anxiety—on my part—was set at rest in the first lines. After an official inquiry into the circumstances the French authorities had decided that it was not expedient to put the survivor of the duelists on his trial before a court of law. No jury hearing the evidence would find him guilty of the only charge that could be formally brought against him—the charge of "homicide by premeditation." Homicide by misadventure, occurring in a duel, was not a punishable offense by the French law. My correspondent cited many cases in proof of it, strengthened by the publicly expressed opinion of the illustrious Berryer himself. In a word we had nothing to fear.

The next page of the letter informed us that the police had surprised the card-playing community with whom we had spent the evening at Boulogne, and that the much-bejeweled old landlady had been sent to prison for the offense of keeping a gambling-house. It was suspected in the town that the General was more or less directly connected with certain disreputable circumstances disclosed by the authorities. If any case he had retired from active service. He and his wife and family had left Boulogne, and had gone away in debt. No investigation had thus far succeeded in discovering the place of their retreat.

Reading this letter aloud to Romayne I was interrupted by him at the last sentence.

"The inquiries must have been carelessly made," he said. "They ought to have applied to the police. I will see to it myself."

"What interest can you have in the inquiries?" I exclaimed.

"The strongest possible interest," he answered. "It has been my one hope to make some little atonement to the poor people whom I have so cruelly wronged. If the wife and children are in distressed circumstances (which seems to be only too likely) I may place them beyond the reach of anxiety—anonymously, of course. Give me the surgeon's address. I shall write instructions for tracing them at my expense—merely announcing that an Unknown Friend desires to be of service to the General's family."

This appeared to me to be a most imprudent thing to do. I said so plainly—and quite in vain. With his customary impetuosity he wrote the letter at once, and sent it to the post that night.

X

On the question of submitting himself to medical advice (which I now earnestly pressed upon him) Romayne was disposed to be equally unreasonable. But in this case events declared themselves in my favor.

Lady Berrick's last reserve of strength had given way. She had been brought to London in a dying state while we were at Vange Abbey. Romayne was summoned to his aunt's bedside on the third day of our residence at the hotel, and was present at her death. The impression produced on his mind roused the better part of his nature. He was more distrustful of himself, more accessible to persuasion than usual. In this gentler frame of mind he received a welcome visit from an old friend, to whom he was sincerely attached. The visit—of no great importance in itself—led, as I have since been informed, to very serious events in Romayne's later life. For this reason I briefly relate what took place within my own hearing.

Lord Loring—well known in society as the head of an old English Catholic family, and the possessor of a magnificent gallery of pictures—was distressed by the change for the worse which he perceived in Romayne when he called at the hotel. I was present when they met, and rose to leave the room, feeling that the two friends might, perhaps, be embarrassed by the presence of a third person. Romayne called me back. "Lord Loring ought to know what has happened to me," he said. "I have no heart to speak of it myself. Tell him everything, and if he agrees with you, I will submit to see the doctors." With those words he left us together.

It is almost needless to say that Lord Loring did agree with me. He was himself disposed to think that the moral remedy in Romayne's case might prove to be the best remedy.

"With submission to what the doctors may decide," his lordship said, "the right thing to do in my opinion, is to divert our friend's mind from himself. I see a plain necessity for making a complete change in the solitary life that he has been leading for years past. Why shouldn't he marry. A woman's influence, by merely giving a new turn to his thoughts, might charm away that horrible voice which haunts him. Perhaps you think this a merely sentimental view of the case? Look at it practically, if you like, and you come to the same conclusion. With that fine estate—and with the fortune which he has now inherited from his aunt—it is his duty to marry. Don't you agree with me?"

"I agree most cordially. But I see serious difficulties in your lordship's way. Romayne dislikes society; and, as to marrying, his coldness toward women seems (so far as I can judge) to be one of the most incurable defects of his character."

Lord Loring smiled. "My dear sir, nothing of that sort is incurable, if we can only find the right woman."

The tone in which he spoke suggested to me that he had got "the right woman," and I took the liberty of saying so. He at once acknowledged that I had guessed right.

"Romayne is, as you say, a difficult subject to deal with," he resumed. "If I commit the slightest imprudence, I shall excite his suspicion—and there will be an end of my hope of being of service to him. I shall proceed carefully, I can tell you. Luckily, poor dear fellow, he is fond of pictures! It's quite natural that I should ask him to see some recent additions to my gallery—isn't it? There is the trap that I set! I have a sweet girl to tempt him, staying at my house, who is a little out of health and spirits herself. At the right moment I shall send word upstairs. She may well happen to look in at the gallery (by the merest accident) just at the time when Romayne is looking at my new pictures. The rest depends, of course, on the effect she produces. If you know her, I believe you would agree with me that the experiment is worth trying."

Not knowing the lady I had little faith in the success of the experiment. No one, however, could doubt Lord Loring's admirable devotion to his friend, and with that I was fain to be content.

When Romayne returned to us it was decided to submit his case to a consultation of physicians at the earliest possible moment. When Lord Loring took his departure I accompanied him to the door of the hotel, perceiving that he wished to say a word more to me in private. He had, it seemed, decided on waiting for the result of the medical consultation before he tried the effect of the young lady's attractions; and he wished to caution me against speaking prematurely of visiting the picture gallery to our friend.

Not feeling particularly interested in these details of the worthy nobleman's little plot, I looked at his carriage and privately admired the two splendid horses that drew it. The footman opened the door for his master, and I became aware for the first time that a gentleman had accompanied Lord Loring to the hotel, and had waited for him in the carriage. The gentleman bent forward and looked up from a book he was reading. To my astonishment I recognized the elderly, fat and cheerful priest, who had shown such a knowledge of localities, and such an extraordinary interest in Vange Abbey!

It struck me as an odd coincidence that I should see the man again in London so soon after I had met with him in Yorkshire. This was all I thought about it at the time. If I had known then what I now know I might have dreamed, let us say, of throwing that priest into the lake at Vange, and might perhaps have reckoned the circumstance among the wisely-improved opportunities of my life!

To return to the serious interests of the present narrative I may now announce that my evidence as an eye-witness of events has come to an end. The day after Lord Loring's visit domestic troubles separated me, to my most sincere regret, from Romayne. I have only to add that the foregoing narrative of personal experience has been written with a due sense of responsibility, and that it may be depended on throughout as an exact statement of the truth.

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THE STORY.

CHAPTER I.—THE CONFIDENCES.

In an upper room of one of the palatial houses which are situated on the north side of Hyde Park two ladies sat at breakfast, and gossiped over their tea.

The elder of the two was Lady Loring—still in the prime of life; possessed of the golden hair and the clear blue eyes, the delicately-florid complexion, and the freely developed figure, which are among the favorite attractions popularly associated with the beauty of Englishwomen. Her younger companion was the unknown lady admired by Major Hynd on the sea passage from France to England. With hair and eyes of the darkest brown; with a pure pallor of complexion, only changing to a faint rose tint in moments of agitation; with a tall, graceful figure incompletely developed in substance and strength—she presented an almost complete contrast to Lady Loring. Two more opposite types of beauty it would have been scarcely possible to place at the same table.

The servant brought in the letters of the morning. Lady Loring ran through her correspondence rapidly, pushed away the letters in a heap, and poured herself out a second cup of tea.

"Nothing interesting this morning for me," she said. "Any news of your mother, Stella?"

The young lady handed an open letter to her hostess, with a faint smile.

"See for yourself, Adelaide," she answered, with the tender sweetness of tone which made her voice irresistibly charming, "and tell me if there were ever two women so utterly unlike each other as my mother and myself."

Lady Loring ran through the letter as she had run through her own correspondence.

"Never, dearest Stella, have I enjoyed myself as I do in this delightful country house—twenty-seven at dinner every day, without including the neighbors—a little carpet dance every evening—we play billiards, and go into the smoking room—the hounds meet three times a week—all sorts of celebrities among the company, famous beauties included—such dresses! such conversation! and serious duties, my dear, not neglected—high church and choral service in the town on Sundays—recitations in the evening from 'Paradise Lost' by an amateur elocutionist! Oh, you foolish child! why did you make excuses and stay in London, when you might have accompanied me to this earthly Paradise?—are you really ill? My love to Lady Loring, and, of course, if you are ill, you must have medical advice—they ask after you so kindly here—the first dinner-bell is ringing, before I have half done my letter—what am I to wear? Why is my daughter not here to advise me, etc., etc., etc."

"There is time to change your mind and advise your mother," Lady Loring remarked, with grave irony, as she returned the letter.

"Don't even speak of it!" said Stella. "I really know no life that I should not prefer to the life that my mother is enjoying at this moment. What would I have done, Adelaide, if you had not offered me a happy refuge in your house? My 'earthly paradise' is here, where I am allowed to dream away my time over my drawings and my books, and to resign myself to poor health and low spirits, without being dragged into society, and (worse still) threatened with that 'medical advice' in which my poor dear mother believes so implicitly. I wish you would hire me as your 'companion,' and let me stay here for the rest of my life."

Lady Loring's bright face became grave while Stella was speaking.

"My dear," she said, kindly, "I know well how you love retirement, and how differently you think and feel from other young women of your age. And I am far from forgetting what sad circumstances have encouraged the natural bent of your disposition. But, since you have been staying with me this time, I see something in you which my intimate knowledge of your character fails to explain. We have been friends since we were together at school, and, in those old days, we never had any secrets from each other. You are feeling some anxiety, or brooding over some sorrow, of which I know nothing. I don't ask for your confidence; I only tell you what I have noticed, and I say with all my heart, Stella, I am sorry for you."

She rose, and with intuitive delicacy, changed the subject. "I am going out earlier than usual this morning," she resumed. "Is there anything I can do for you?" She laid her hand tenderly on Stella's shoulder, waiting for the reply. Stella lifted the hand, and kissed it with passionate tenderness.

"Don't think me ungrateful," she said; "I am only ashamed." Her head sank on her bosom; she burst into tears.

Lady Loring waited by her in silence. She well knew the girl's self-contained nature, always shrinking, except in moments of violent emotion, from the outward betrayal of its trials and its sufferings to others. The true depth of feeling which is marked by this inbred modesty is most frequently found in men. The few women who possess it are without the communicative consolations of the feminine heart. They are the noblest, and but too often the unhappiest of their sex.

"Will you wait a little before you go out?" Stella asked, softly. She had conquered her tears, but her head still drooped while she spoke.

Lady Loring silently returned to the chair that she had left—hesitated for a moment—and then drew it nearer to Stella. "Shall I sit by you?" she said.

"Close by me. You spoke of our school days just now, Adelaide. There was some difference between us. Of all the girls, I was the youngest—and you were the eldest, or nearly the eldest, I think?"

"Quite the eldest, my dear. There is a difference of ten years between us. But why do you go back to that?"

"It's only a recollection. My father was alive then. I was at first homesick and frightened in the strange place, among the big girls. You used to let me hide my face on your shoulder and tell me stories. May I hide in the old way and tell my story?"

She was now the calmest of the two. The elder woman turned a little pale, and looked down in silent anxiety at the darkly beautiful head that rested on her shoulder.

"After such an experience as mine has been," said Stella, "would you think it possible that I could ever again feel my heart troubled by a man—and that man a stranger?"

"My dear! I think it quite possible. You are only now in your twenty-third year. You were innocent of all blame, at that wretched bygone time which you ought never to speak of again. Love and be happy, Stella—if you can only find the man who is worthy of you. But you frighten me when you speak of a stranger. Where did you meet him?"

"On our way back from Paris."

"Traveling in the same carriage with you."

"No—it was in crossing the channel. There were very few travelers in the steamboat or I might never have noticed him."

"Did he speak to you?"

"He never even looked at me."

"That doesn't say much for his taste, Stella."

"You don't understand—I mean I have not explained myself properly. He was leaning on the arm of a friend; weak and worn and wasted, as I supposed, by some long and dreadful illness. There was an angelic sweetness in his face—such patience! such resignation! For heaven's sake keep my secret. One hears of men falling in love with women at first sight. But a woman who looks at a man, and feels—oh, it's shameful! I could scarcely take my eyes off him. If he had looked at me in return, I don't know what I should have done—I burn when I think of it. He was absorbed in his suffering and his sorrow. My last look at his beautiful face was on the pier, before they took me away. The perfect image of him has been in my heart ever since. In my dreams, I see him as plainly as I see you now. Don't despise me, Adelaide!"

"My dear, you interest me indescribably. Do you suppose he was in our rank of life? I mean, of course, did he look like a gentleman?"

"There could be no doubt of it."

"Do try to describe him, Stella. Was he tall and well dressed?"

"Neither tall nor short—rather thin—quiet and graceful in all his movements—dressed plainly, in perfect taste. How can I describe him? When his friend brought him on board, he stood at the side of the vessel looking out thoughtfully toward the sea. Such eyes I never saw before, Adelaide, in any human face—so divinely tender and sad—and the color of them that dark violet blue so uncommon and so beautiful—too beautiful for a man. I may say the same of his hair. I saw it completely. For a minute or two he removed his hat—his head was fevered I think, and he let the sea breeze blow over it. The pure light-brown of his hair was just warmed by a lovely reddish tinge. His beard was of the same color; short and curling, like the beards of the Roman heroes one sees in pictures. I shall never see him again, and it is best for me that I shall not. What can I hope from a man who never once noticed me? But I should like to hear that he had recovered his health and his tranquillity, and that his life was a happy one. It has been a comfort to me, Adelaide, to open my heart to you. I am getting bold enough to confess everything. Would you laugh at me, I wonder, if I——"

She stopped. Her pale complexion softly glowed into color; her grand dark eyes brightened—she looked her loveliest at that moment.

"I am far more inclined, Stella, to cry over you than to laugh at you," said Lady Loring. "There is something to my mind very sad about this adventure of yours. I wish I could find out who the man is. Even the best description of a person falls so short of the reality."

"I thought of showing you something," Stella continued, "which might help you to see him as I saw him. It's only making one more acknowledgment of my own folly."

"You don't mean a portrait of him?" Lady Loring exclaimed.

"The best that I could do from recollection," Stella answered, sadly.

"Bring it here directly!"

Stella left the room and returned with a little drawing in pencil. The instant Lady Loring looked at it, she recognized Romayne, and started excitedly to her feet.

"You know him!" cried Stella.

Lady Loring had placed herself in an awkward position. Her husband had described to her his interview with Major Hynd; and had mentioned his project for bringing Romayne and Stella together, after first exacting a promise of the strictest secrecy from his wife. She felt herself bound—doubly bound after what she had now discovered—to respect the confidence placed in her; and at the time when she had betrayed herself to Stella! With a woman's feline fineness of perception, in all cases of subterfuge and concealment she picked a part of the truth out of the whole, and answered harmlessly without a moment's hesitation.

"I have certainly seen him," she said, "probably at some party. But I see so many people, and I go to so many places that I must ask for time to consult my memory. My husband might help me, if you don't object to my asking him," she added, slyly.

Stella snatched the drawing away from her in terror. "You don't mean that you will tell Lord Loring?" she said.

"My dear child how can you be so foolish? Can't I show him the drawing without mentioning who it was done by? His memory is a much better one than mine. If I say to him, 'Where did we meet that man?'—he may tell me at once—he may even remember the name. Of course, if you like to be kept in suspense, you have only to say so. It rests with you to decide."

Poor Stella gave way directly. She returned the drawing, and affectionately kissed her artful friend. Having now secured the means of consulting her husband without exciting suspicion, Lady Loring left the room.

At that time in the morning, Lord Loring was generally to be found either in the library or the picture gallery. His wife tried the library first.

On entering the room, she found but one person in it—not the person of whom she was in search. There, buttoned up in his long frock coat, and surrounded by books of all sorts and sizes, sat the plump, elderly priest who had been the especial object of Major Hynd's aversion.

"I beg your pardon, Father Benwell, said Lady Loring; "I hope I don't interrupt your studies?"

Father Benwell rose and bowed with a pleasant paternal smile. "I am only trying to organize an improved arrangement of the library," he said, simply. "Books are companionable creatures—members, as it were, of his family to a lonely old priest like myself. Can I be of any service to your ladyship?"

"Thank you, Father. If you can kindly tell me where Lord Loring is——"

"To be sure! His lordship was here five minutes since—he is now in the picture gallery. Pray permit me!"

With a remarkable light and easy step for a man of his age and size, he advanced to the further end of the library, and opened the door which lead into the gallery.

"Lord Loring is among the pictures," he announced. "And alone." He laid a certain emphasis on the last word, which might or might not (in the case of a spiritual director of the household) invite a word of explanation.

Lady Loring merely said, "Just what I wanted; thank you once more, Father Benwell"—and passed into the picture-gallery.

Left by himself again in the library, the priest walked slowly to and fro, thinking. His latent power and resolution began to show themselves darkly in his face. A skilled observer would now have seen plainly revealed in him the habit of command, and the capacity for insisting on his right to be obeyed. From head to foot Father Benwell was one of those men who acknowledge no defeat, and who improve every victory.

After a while he returned to the table at which he had been writing when Lady Loring entered the room. An unfinished letter lay open on the desk. He took up his pen and completed it in these words: "I have therefore decided on trusting this serious matter in the hands of Arthur Penrose. I know he is young—but we have to set against the drawback of his youth the counter-merits of his incorruptible honesty and his true religious zeal. No better man is just now within my reach—and there is no time to lose. Romayne has recently inherited a large increase of fortune. He will be the object of the basest conspiracies—conspiracies of men to win his money, and, worse still, of women to marry him. Even these contemptible efforts may be obstacles in the way of our righteous purpose, unless we are first in the field. Penrose left Oxford last week. I expect him here this morning by my invitation. When I have given him the necessary instructions, and have found the means of favorably introducing him to Romayne, I shall have the honor of forwarding a statement of our prospects so far."

Having signed these lines he addressed the letter to "The Reverend the Secretary, Society of Jesus, Rome." As he closed and sealed the envelope, a servant opened the door communicating with the hall, and announced:

"Mr. Arthur Penrose."

(To be continued.)

The Hebrews are proposing to hold a conference to discuss the relations of Judaism to the forces of infidelity, which are so rapidly increasing.

HOUSEHOLD.

Tea cakes: Two teacupfuls of sugar, one teacupful of milk, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, half a teaspoonful of soda, and butter or lard the size of two eggs.

Raised muffins: One pint of sweet milk, two eggs, a piece of butter the size of an egg, a little salt, two teaspoonfuls of yeast; add flour till thick as a pound-cake.

To boil vegetables green put them into plenty of boiling water that has been salted; keep them uncovered and boiling fast till they are done. To counteract the hardness of the water, should it exist, a little carbonate of soda may be added with the salt.

Celery salad: Tender, white celery, cut into small disc-like pieces, mixed with finely chopped onions; a shallot or two, garnished with sprigs of water cress; with the above sauce, omitting the whites of the eggs; may be served with boned or roast turkey at dinner or luncheon.

Gloss for shirt-fronts: Take two ounces of fine white gum-arabic powder, put it into a pitcher and pour on it one pint of boiling water, cover it, and let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a bottle; use one tablespoonful to a pint of starch made in the usual manner; use a polishing-iron also.

Bedford biscuits: Two pounds of flour, quarter of a pound of butter, one egg, and milk to make a thick paste, with a little sugar; make the biscuits round, and about half an ounce each in weight. Bake them immediately in a quick oven. They will be done in three or four minutes to a light-brown.

Paradise pudding: Take three eggs, three apples, pared, cored and cut small, three ounces each of the crumb of French rolls, sugar, currants, a little nutmeg and salt, the rind of a lemon pared very thin and cut very fine, and a wineglassful of brandy or white wine; stir well; pour into a buttered mold, and boil for an hour; then serve with melted butter, wine and sugar or sweet sauce.

Potatoes a la Irelandaise: Put them in a sauce-pan with just sufficient water to cover them. Salt the water beforehand. Directly the skins begin to break, lift the pot from the fire as rapidly as possible and pour off every drop of the water. Cover with a coarse towel—clean, of course—return to the fire; let them remain until thoroughly done, and, quite dry; serve hot with fresh butter or sweet milk.

Oyster pie: Line a deep dish with a crust, made as follows: To two quarts flour add three teaspoonfuls baking powder, four teaspoons lard or butter and a little salt; mix with water as for biscuit; wash the oysters and strain the liquor, pouring it over them; thicken a cup of water with a tablespoonful of flour, butter the crust on both sides, cut across in the center, pepper and salt the oysters well, bake thoroughly and it will be fit for a king. The crust makes good biscuit.

Frosted cream pie: One pint of milk, three eggs, one half a cup of flour, and one cup of sugar. Beat the yelks and sugar together, and then add a little milk, and put in flour and a little salt. Frosting for the same: Take the whites of the eggs, and beat to a stiff froth, and three tablespoonfuls of sugar, and flavor with lemon. Bake the pie first, and when cold add the frosting; drop on with a spoon, and set it in the oven till a light brown.

Stuffing for geese and game: Two ounces onions, one ounce green sage leaves, one ounce of pecans or walnuts, chopped fine; a sprig of fennel, thyme or a bay leaf; four ounces toasted bread crumbs (made by putting crusts in an oven and when thoroughly brown and dry grating them), one tablespoonful of butter, the yelk of one egg well beaten, a minced apple, one dozen raw oysters, one or two bird peppers, black pepper and salt to taste; a few mushrooms and a truffle or two, chopped fine, adds to the delicious flavor.

The Japanese do know how to cook rice. Only just enough cold water is poured on to prevent the rice from burning to the pot, which has a close-fitting cover, and is set on a moderate fire. The rice is steamed, rather than boiled, until it is nearly done; then the cover of the pot is taken off, the surplus steam and moisture are allowed to escape, and the rice turned out, a mass of snow-white kernels, each separate from the other, and as much superior to the soggy mess we usually get in the United States as a mealy potato is to the water-soaked article.

Salad sauce: Rub the yelks of cold, hard-boiled eggs through a coarse sieve with a wooden spoon, mix with a tablespoonful of cream or water, then add two tablespoonfuls of olive oil or melted butter; when thoroughly mixed add by degrees a teaspoonful of fine salt rolled; the same quantity of mustard—French, Tarragon or anchovy is best—and three tablespoonfuls of white wine vinegar; when mixed into a smooth paste pour down the side of the salad bowl, but do not stir it until the salad is ready to be eaten. The whites of eggs cut in various forms may be used to garnish the top of the salad. The herbs should be freshly gathered, carefully picked over and laid in cool water on hour or two and dried in a napkin before being laid in the dish.

VALUABLE DOG.

Monk, said to be the largest and most valuable St. Bernard dog in the country, died recently of hemorrhage of the lungs. He was owned by D. P. Foster, of New York. "I brought Monk," said Mr Foster, "from the monastery of St. Gothard, in Switzerland, last August. He cost me $500, but I have refused $800 for him, and I valued him at $1000. He was with me night and day while I owned him. He weighed about 170 pounds, stood 24 inches from the shoulder to the ground, and measured 6 feet 9 inches from his nose to the tip of his tail. He was two years old, of a tawny lion color, with large, lustrous, kindly hazel eyes, a heavy drooping jaw, and huge overlapping upper lips. His frame was massive, and his face beamed with intelligence. When reared upon his hind feet he looked enormous and fierce, yet he had such a gentle and kindly nature that children delighted to play with him, and he with them. Every day I took him out for an airing, and he was a great favorite with the nurses and children, and would poke his nose into every baby carriage that came near. He was a pure rough-coated St. Bernard. His father and mother are yet employed by the monks of St. Gothard in hunting the mountain passes in search of unfortunate travelers. They are named Jungfrau and Monk, and they distinguished themselves in 1871 by saving the lives of several of a large party of monks, guides and travelers who were buried in an avalanche. The breed has been kept distinct by distribution among the gentry in the surrounding valleys, so that whenever the avalanche has buried an unusual number, the stock has been replenished. There are both rough and smooth-coated St. Bernards, similar in all characteristics except the hair. The prevailing colors are tawny and brindle. The dogs that are marked with a white line about the neck and up the face are prized most, as their marks resemble the badge of the monks' order. Although Monk was only a year and a half old he had been engaged in saving travelers, and knew many of the mountain paths.

"He was a dog of exemplary behavior," Mr. Foster continued. "No man could enter the house at night without his permission, and none could go out unless I was there to give my consent. He was obedient, would fetch and carry, shake hands, lie down for the children to play with him, and give his old mountain howl of distress if he wanted help. He would not go out in the street unaccompanied, and then only after his toilet had been properly made—his face washed and his hair combed. He understood simple commands in three languages—Latin, French and English. If there was a noise at the front door he would be the first there. If the bell rang in the night he would come and wake me by scratching at the door. His first mate was Minka, formerly the property of the Duchess of Oldenburg. Monk had one peculiarity; he did not like soldiers, and when he met one he would step back and crouch as if ready for a spring. The reason of it was that he had been struck when young by a soldier. He always seemed to remember that blow, the monks said, and I found it true. He always reminded me of the lines that I once saw on a picture of old Monk, his father."

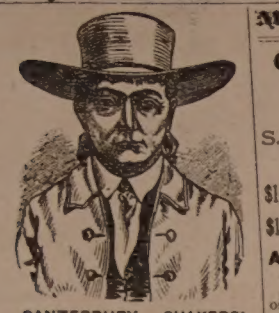
BRUDDER GARDNER'S VIEWS.

Gen. Damson Bucks, one of the airiest members in the club, here secured the floor and explained that he had had a little difficulty with an outside gentleman named Judge Oldgrab. The judge had made use of such language as warranted the general slapping his mouth, and in return for this he had been challenged to mortal combat. Before accepting the defiance he had thought best to ask Brother Gardner's opinion on dueling.

"General Damson," replied the president after eying him for a minute, "dis am de fust time I have had cause to suspect you have a weak spot in your head. Let me tell you suthin'. It am a braver act to keep away from a mean man dan it ar' to knock him down. When a man insults you it am better fur all sides to punch his head instead of shootin' him. In dat case de chances am dat he will live to see his error. In any event remember dat a fool will pick five quarrels to a wise man's one. Let dat duel bizness drap to once or de boys will hoot yer outer town, an' dis club will feel called upon to soak yer head an' buy ye a nursin' bottle."

CUSHION FILLING.

A variety of plants are now used instead of horse-hair as cushion material. Upper Austria and Baden furnish a grass so utilized, although not a very elastic nor durable material. From Algiers torn leaves of the dwarf fan palm are taken to Europe in large quantities, and are used in France under the name of crins d'Afrique. Much better, however, are the three fibers ejoo, kitool and carraguate. The first comes from the sugar palm common in India, and is found in the form of a dark horsehair-like mass on the stems, and at the parts where the leaves have fallen off. The second is a black fiber from two species of palm. But all are surpassed by the fiber carraguate, which consists of the vascular bundles of parasitic plant of the order Bromeliaceæ in Tropical America. These fibers approach so closely to horse-hair in elasticity and firmness that a person not an expert would hardly distinguish the two. The chief producer of this fiber is Guiana.



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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

CAMPTON.

Mr. Charles G. Avery is earning five dollars per day, drawing logs from Ellsworth "Timber Lands; doing it himself with one yoke of oxen. Geo. H. Brown is earning twelve dollars per day. His expenses are about six dollars.

J. W. Morrison & Son have opened a store at West Thornton in Dr. Guilford's Building. Ex.

The typo made us say one "queer thing" last week, in regard to the removal of the Post Office. Instead of the words,—"And now that the Post Office is removed for the present etc.," we intended to say, "And now that the question of the removal of the Post Office is settled for the present, etc." In justice to the friends of the postmaster, in both political parties, who have not withheld expressions of surprise and regret that the office had been, or was to be removed, we deemed it proper to make this correction. The protracted illness of the P. M., together with the expectations of some, prior to the election, that a change of administration of the general government would occur has been the occasion of some talk, in relation to the probabilities of a change of postmasters and a consequent change of the location of the office. The present P. M. authorizes the correspondent of the *Journal* to say, that, as his health is a little improved, he some time since, by the advice of his friends, revoked his formal resignation. A kind providence permitting, the Post Office will remain where it now is for the present. In this connection, the P. M. authorizes us to say, that since a daily mail was established, the business has increased all along the line. But, in order to insure a continuation of the daily, all patrons of the Campton, Campton Village, Thornton and West Thornton offices should be as careful, as they well can be, to post their mail-matter as much as possible at these places as the success of the same depends upon the amount of business performed and the remuneration for labor done, by the amount of postage stamps cancelled at the several posts on the route. The fees of our country postmasters are extremely low at best, and the government should restore to them the franking privilege which they had before the war of the rebellion.

[illegible] in town in 1880.

Mr. Osgood continues very low.

The week of prayer is being observed by religious denominations in town as usual.

Rev Q. Blakely commenced the 18th year of his pastorate over the Congregational church and society last Sabbath, at which time the ordinance of communion was administered and three additions made to the church—one by profession and two by letter, and one was dismissed by letter.

New Year's day morning was the coldest of the season; mercury from 24 to 30 degrees below zero.

The New Hampshire Board of Agriculture will meet with the Grange in Campton, at the Congregational vestry, Tuesday, Jan. 11, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. There will be afternoon and evening sessions. Topics of interest and importance will be discussed by the board. All are invited. SEC.

The person who took the diary from Young's counter last week will do well to return it, or one dollar in money, if wishing to avoid exposure.

This has been the coldest winter thus far that has visited this part of N H for many years. The mercury has managed to keep on the shady side of zero most of the time, running down as low as 30 degrees below. The sleighing has been very good.

Rev A. V. Tilton who has been with us for five years as pastor of the Baptist church, has been deeply afflicted since he first came here; first in the death of his little girl, who was four or five years old; since then of two infant children, and now he has been called to part with his wife and companion. Verily whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, yet the perfect faith and trust which he has in the Lord has sustained him through all. His burial place is in Newton Centre, Mass., where he has gone to lay beside her children, the wife and mother. It is expected now, that he will return home next week, and be with us one or two more Sabbaths.

Cyrus Drew and family have moved from their farm on Mad River street, Thornton, into the house of G. Whitney on Main street, Campton Village.

Miss Jennie Kinsman will open a private school in the Village school house, commencing next Wednesday.

Joseph Cook has bought out J. W. Morrison's interest in the Excelsior Mill and rented it to his brother A. B. Cook, who, with John Southmayd will continue the manufacture of excelsior.

Frank Chase and family have become residents of Campton Village, having bought and moved into the house recently owned by Mrs. Jessie Hart on East Main street. VILLE.

RUMNEY.

Rev. L. W. Prescott, a former pastor, preached at the M. E. church Sunday Jan. 2.

Ira Avery is confined to the house by erysipelas.

Mr. Pliny E Heath, father of Dr. J. W. Heath, formerly an esteemed resident of Rumney, died at Groton last week.

Charles Watts embarked upon the sea of matrimonial bliss on New Year's evening, Rev. C. N. Krook launching the craft.

WOODSTOCK.

Cold, very cold.

January 1 at eight o'clock the thermometer stood 24 degrees below zero and the 2nd day at the same hour 14 below, the thermometer hanging on the south side of the house.

ASHLAND.

Orrin Clough died Wednesday morning Dec. 28 of typhoid and pneumonia, age 55. He leaves a wife and four children.

Quite a number of the boys returned home to vote, and as they came from a radius of 100 miles, it shows that they are actuated by the right kind of mettle and the kind which has given the Republican party the strength, vigor and power which it now enjoys.

The third entertainment in our course of "dime lectures" occurred on the evening of Dec. 28, 1880. It consisted of a lecture by Rev. J. E. Fullerton, of Laconia on "How to keep a good wife, or the art of staying married." The lecturer first speaks of the many influences in this 19th century to make good wives. Then followed some descriptions of a good wife, after which we were told how to keep her. First—Let the man do his half of the smiling. Second—Don't make her a financial dependent. Third—Humor her individuality. Fourth—Give her a manly husband. How to keep a good wife from the hands of Death: don't be a minister on $500 a year; don't move too often; avoid the American haste to get on in the world. In closing, an earnest plea is made to use all the influence possible to stay the fearful increase of divorce. Statistics are given showing this increase in our own state during the last 50 years, after learning which no christian or patriotic hearts could fail to be appalled. The serious thought is constantly interwoven with humorous and spicy matter and the whole was well written and delivered. We wish every community in the country could hear it, for it contains not only much entertainment, but also valuable information and earnest appeals on a subject of vital importance.

There was a lecture in the "dime course," Friday evening of this week by Prof. J. S. Brown, of Lyndon, Vt.

It is expected that the deferred reading by Prof. Chapman will be next Monday evening.

A ticket to the "dime lecture course" was found in the street by Mr. R. R. D. Dearborn, who would like to see the owner.

Dr. J. A. Dana has been quite ill with a bronchial difficulty; he is now much better.

Rumor has it that a new milk cart will soon be started by our old milk man, John Carr.

By a change in the work in the woolen mill from part flannel to all knit work, Mr. S. B. Parker is to leave us. He has made many friends during his brief stay and both he and his daughter will be a less to the community.

The Earnest Workers met at Mr. B. Deane's the 5th inst. E. W.

LACONIA.

On Dec. 30th, the Belknap Rifles held their annual ball at Folsom's Hall There were 50 couples in the grand march, Col. J. N. Patterson leading off. Among other military notables present were Dr. Cook, surgeon 3d regiment, Lieut. Gcinty, quarter master, same; Capt. Hupney, of Hupney guards, of Concord and Capt. McKenny, of Boston. The gallery was well filled. Music was furnished by Story's full orchestra; Prof. Colby did some good work on the cornet. The concert was excellent, lasting an hour.

Mrs. Holmes H. Constantine has been on a visit to her brother's at Concord, called on friends at Franklin, Tilton, Laconia and Lake Village and returned to Thornton on Monday last. We were glad to see her; hope she will come often.

At the regular meeting of Star of Hope Division No. 47 S. of T. the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: Clarence L. Davis, W. P.; Cora F. Dow, W. A.; Walter Peaslee, R. S.; Estella F. Young, A. R. S.; J. F. Hoyt, F. S.; Elredena Conner, treasurer; Rev. J. P. Atkinson, chaplain; Charles Busiel, conductor; Mrs. Charles Busiel, assistant conductor; Henry Horn, I. S.; L. J. Truland, O. S. After the election there was a general good time enjoyed by all present. Peanuts, candy and a candy pull filled the bill. On Friday evening the members of the Division who wish are going to Gilmanton Iron Works to attend the installation of officers of that Division.

Clarence H. Pearson has been appointed D. G. W. P. of Star of Hope Division No. 47.

C. L. Davis W. P. elect of Star of Hope Division No. 47 S. of T. leaves us and goes to Ann Harbor, Mich., to a law school.

The following officers elect were installed for John L. Perley, Jr. Post Ladies' Relief corps No. 1, by installing officer, Mrs. Hattie B. Moulton: president, Miss Ann J. Olmsted; senior vice president, Mrs. Susie E. Nelson; junior vice president, Mrs. Mary Newell; secretary, Mrs. Lizzie Gilman; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen L. Plummer; chaplain, Mrs. Jennie Lane: guard, Mrs. Nancy J. Connor. The Post is reported as being in a good condition. Great credit is due to Mrs. Moulton for the manner in which she discharged her duty as installing officer.

The following officers were installed in J. L. Perley, Jr. Post 37 G. A. R. by Col. M. A. Haynes: commander, A. J. Farrar; senior vice commander, M. B. Plummer; junior vice commander, J. F. Baker; quarter master, W. H. Lampley; adjutant, George B. Lane; chaplain, A. H. C. Jewett; surgeon, E. A. Olmsted; sergeant major, G. B. Ames; quarter master sergeant, C. G. Corliss; O. D., C. A. Young; O. G., P. H. Rowen. The Installation was held in Folsom's Hall and was public after which there were some excellent remarks by Com. Rev. E. R. Wilkins, Col. M. A. Haynes, Dr. D. B. Nelson and C. F. Stone, Esq. Among other guests was Col. Savage, commander of Post 49, of Alton. W. A. C.

THORNTON.

Jan. 1 the thermometer stood 32 degrees below zero at sunrise at the West Thornton house.

The Ladies' benevolent society met with Mrs. A. A. Straw Dec. 30

The next one may be expected to be at H. J. Campbell's, at Andover, N. H. Jan. 11, Thursday evening. E.

Rev. J. P. Topping's "donation" of last week was more than good, for a widely scattered country parish. From his society proper, with the Mad River circle as an adjunct, he received in cash and appraised value, I am told, $125.00. This is a very gratifying exhibit, in these days of church decadence, of the relations existing between this pastor and his people.

J. W. Morrison has 18 men and 40 oxen and horses drawing timber on the New Road. The lumbermen report business *rushing* and the road in splendid condition,

The last meeting of the Mad River Reading Club was another 40-pounder. Next Tuesday evening, 11th inst., at the Larches, when "Miron" will devote some 20 minutes to an elucidation of the structure and scope of the hexameter verse, its introduction into English poetry, with some illustrative verses of his own, and an extract from America's most exquisite poem—"Evangeline," Tuesday, the 18th with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jenkins.

"The Triumph of Prometheus" will receive its finishing revision the present season. MIRON.

The Grafton House and farm was sold Monday the 3rd inst., to Timothy Jones of Campton, we understand, for $2000. Cheap enough.

Messrs. Corliss, Martin, & Burney, are erecting a Lumberman's Camp in the woods for the exclusive use of the choppers. Mr. Martin, better known as Shiner, has the general oversight. He informs us it will be ready for use on the 4th of July.

BRIDGEWATER.

The farmers in this vicinity are very busy in drawing wood. Among the many who have been distinguished by hauling wood to market this winter is David Batchelder, who has drawn in three cords.

Lyceum met as per adjournment. The following officers were elected for the ensuing month: George Fletcher, president; Frank Small, secretary. Then came the discussion of the question: Resolved, That it is better for the country boy to stay at home than to go to the city. Disputants, C. Fletcher and E. Bland, affirmative; A. Dalton and D. Batchelder, negative. Decided in the affirmative. Adjourned to meet Jan. 7th. F. A.

BORN.

In Meredith, Jan. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Roberts, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Rumney, Jan. 1, by Rev. C. N. Krook, Charles E. Watts, of Rumney, and Miss Rozella Avery, of Ellsworth.

In Holderness, Jan. 1, by N. B. Whitton, Esq., Mr. Charles Piper, of Holderness, and Miss W. Albie Hinman, of Ashland.

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But the soul is freed from this world of care;
Gone to dwell with the immortal and fair.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1881.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Be sure and attend the Lyceum meeting.

W. P. Norris has hung out a new sign in connection with his billiard room.

Mrs. Everett's millinery store in town hall block has been closed for the present.

Union services have been held by the churches every evening during the past week.

The new ware rooms of Messrs. Robinson & Son are begining to present a business-like appearance.

The ladies of the Congregational society served a most excellent New Year's dinner in their chapel, which was liberally patronized.

J. R. Quimby is prompt to add new features to his already increasing business. His latest addition is the agency for superior cabinet organs.

Mr. Jonathan Green, a well-known and respected citizen, of Moulton-borough neck dropped dead in T. S. Moses' tin shop on Saturday last, about ten o'clock. He had arrived from his home here early that morning with his daughter who took the accommodation train for Massachusetts but returned on the noon express after receiving intelligence at Concord, of her father's sudden death. The body was taken in charge of by undertaker Ambrose. Heart disease was the probable cause. He was about 67 years of age.

Arrangements have been made for organizing a Lyceum. A president *pro tem* and a committee have been appointed to prepare an order of exercises for the next meeting to be held Friday evening, Jan. 14. The exercises will consist of an address by the president, declamations, select readings and a debate. Question: *Resolved*, That a boy or girl brought up in the city has superior advantages to one living in the country. All interested are invited to attend at Dr. Sanborn's Hall, Friday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:30.

Per order of committee.

LOCAL MARKET.

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Beans, bu.,	$1 75	Dried Apples, lb.	3 5
Butter, lb	20 25	Wood, cord.	3 50 5 00
Beef, lb.,	4 13	Tallow, lb.,	8
Cheese lb.,	13 18	Maple Sugar, lb.,	8@ 11
Chickens, lb.,	10 12	Hay, ton,	14 00
Eggs, doz.,	25	Corn, bu	70
Lard lb.,	10 12	Oats, bu.,	50
Potatoes, bu.,	40 50	Flour, bbl.,	5 50 9 50
Pork, lb.,	7	Corn meal, 100 lbs.	1 40
Hides, lb.,	7	Pork, salt,	8 12
Calf-skins, each,	40 60	Molasses,	40 75
Sheepskins, "	40 80	Vinegar,	25
Honey, lb.,	20 25	Wool, washed, lb.,	40
Tobacco, lb.,	40 1 00	Sugar, lb.,	8 13
Prints, yd.,	8 10	Cider, bbl.,	1 50 4 50
Cot. Cloth, yd.,	5 15	Kerosene, gal.,	17 25
Candles, lb.,	13 17	Tea, lb.,	25 75
Shorts, 100 lbs.,	1 50	Coffee, Rio, lb.,	17 25
Flannel, yd.,	20 90	Java, lb.,	35 38
Straw, 100 lbs.,	25	Mutton,	4 7
Rye, bu.,	85	Raisins,	10 20
Pollock,	4	Ducks,	6 50
Fresh Cod	3 7	Maple syrup,	60 1 00
Hams, smoked,	10 12	Onions,	2 00
Geese	8 12	Cod fish,	3 7
Salt coarse, box	10 25	Halibut,	12
Oysters, per qt.,	30 35	Shingles,	1 50 3 50
Turkey s, lb ;	10 15	Laths,	2 00 2 25
		Mackerel,	5 8

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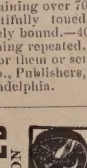

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Owner's Name and Description of land	Lot.	Division.	State, county, town and school tax.	School-House tax.	Highway tax.
Browns, of Wentworth, part of	10	4	1 60	20	14
" "	11	4	2 20	10	27
" " 1-2 of	22	4	1 10	10	27
" "	23	4	5 12	61	75
" "	24	4	5 12	61	75
" "	25	4	4 40	50	54
" " part of	29	4	4 20	50	40
George Goodwin. Back lot formerly owned by D. C. Gilley,			1 60	20	14
The Flanders' wild lands, formerly owned by Horace Perkins,			1 60	20	14

B. C. METCALF, Collector.

Town of Piermont this 27th day of December, 1880.

COLLECTOR'S SALE OF NON-RESIDENT LANDS.

State of New Hampshire—Grafton, SS.

Notice is hereby given that so much of the following real estate in the town of Warren, in said county, belonging to persons not residents in said town, as will pay the following taxes assessed upon each tract respectively, for the year 1880, with incidental charges, will be sold at public auction, at the store of Ezra B. Eaton, in said Warren, on Monday the 28th day of February, 1881, at one o'clock in the afternoon unless prevented by previous payment.

Name & Description.	Acres.	Valuation.	Reduced Value.	State, County, Town and School Tax.	Highway Tax.
Land formerly owned by John S. Bryant,	6	300	150	3 75	1 13
Land formerly owned by James Noyes,	2	50	25	62	9
Land supposed to be owned by B. J. Cole, formerly C. I. Heath,	8	900	450	11 25	3 38
Land formerly owned by Oren Randall,	1	125	63	1 57	47
Unlotted land in S. E. corner of town, supposed to be owned by Holt and Fales, formerly D. A. French.	3	750	375	9 38	2 82

ANDREW F. GALE, Collector.

Town of Warren, December 20th, 1880.

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Name & Description.	Acres.	Valuation.	Reduced Value.	State, County, Town and School Tax.
Bartlett Land & Lumber Co., a part of Bean, Gilman & Means re purchase.	2000	2000	1000	28 00
Owner unknown. Raymond North grant,	300	300	150	4 32
Owner unknown, the North half of the Hatch & Cleaves grant,	250	300	150	4 32
Owner unknown, that part of Sargent & Elkins grant that lies in the town of Livermore,	15000	7500	3750	108 00

FRANK H. LEWIS, Collector.

Town of Livermore, Dec. 31st, 1880.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—GRAFTON SS.—By the Honorable Judge of Probate for said county.

To the Creditors and Heirs-at-Law, and all persons interested in the estate of Asa F. Innis, late of Holderness, in said county, deceased, intestate:

You are hereby notified that Charles H. Carney, administrator on the estate of said deceased, will present his account of the administration of said estate, for examination and allowance; that the same will be considered at the Court of Probate to be held at Littleton, in said county, on the third Tuesday of January next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time and place you may appear and object to the allowance thereof, if you see cause.

And notice is hereby ordered to be given by causing this citation to be published in the Grafton County Journal, a newspaper printed at Plymouth, in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication whereof to be one week at least before said court.

Given at Haverhill, in said county, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1880,

By order of the Judge—

SAMUEL T. PAGE, Register.

State of New Hampshire—Grafton ss

By the Honorable Judge of Probate for said County. To the Creditors and Heirs-at-Law, and all interested in the estate of Albert Mitchell, late of Bridgewater, in said County, deceased, represented insolvent: You are hereby notified that the Report of the Commissioner of Insolvency on said estate has been presented for acceptance and filed in the Probate Office, and that the same will be taken into consideration at the Court of Probate to be held at Littleton, in said County, on the third Tuesday of January next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time and place you may appear and show cause, if any you may have, against the acceptance of said Report. And notice is hereby required to be given by causing this citation to be published three weeks successively in the Grafton County Journal, a newspaper printed at Plymouth, in said County, the last publication whereof to be one week at least prior to said Court.

Dated at Haverhill, in said County, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1880.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

The subscriber having been appointed by Judge of Probate, for the county of Grafton, Commissioner to examine and allow the claims of creditors against the estate of Luther Robinson, late of Bristol, in said county, deceased, and six month from the sixteenth day of December, 1880, allowed for that purpose, hereby gives notice that he will attend to his said duties at his office in the town of Bristol in said county, on the 31st day of January and the thirteenth day of June, 1881, from one to four o'clock in the afternoon of each of said days.

Dated this third day of January, 1881

Samuel K. Mason, Commissioner.

FREEDOM NOTICE.

This certifies that I have this day given my son George W. Whitcher his time, and I shall in the future pay no bills of his contracting nor claim any of his earnings.

JOSEPH WHITCHER.

Warren, N. H., Jan. 4, 1881.

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MARRYING IN GERMANY.

TAKING PLENTY OF TIME AT IT.

This time I was bound to make sure work, and so, with the best information I could procure, started off for the civil bureau (Standes Amt) to ascertain precisely what was required.

"Upon what business do you come?" demanded the pompous servant at the door.

"I am an American citizen, and want to know how to get married in Germany," I faltered.

He opened the door of the main office and shouted "Ein Herr Amerikanner wishes to marry himself!" and then showed me into a large and well-filled waiting-room to take my turn, every occupant gazed fixedly at me without winking for some minutes. One thin, dark, wiry man in soiled linen and bright yellow kid gloves had dropped in to announce the death of his third wife. A trembling young mother was sharply reprimanded for letting the legal third day pass before announcing the death of her child. A somewhat seedy clerk had come, with a radiant face, to announce the birth of a boy fourteen hours old, and to be called Johannes Conrade Hermann Degenermeistor. A servant girl and her lover were waiting in one corner, she red and giggling, he erect, dignified and taciturn as a head-waiter, to be made man and wife. I had plenty of time to observe, for nearly an hour passed before my turn came. At length I was shown into a long room, with half a dozen clerks at one end, who twisted their necks, adjusted their glasses, and gazed and listened with open-mouthed wonder.

"I wish to get married in the very simplest and quickest way," I said, presenting my passport. "Will you please tell me how to do it?"

"It is extremely simple," said the officer. "We must have a certificate of your birth (Geburtsschein), signed by the burgomaster of the town in which you were born, and with its seal, and witnessed in due form. Your certificate of baptism (Taufschein) should also be sent, to guard against all error, sealed and witnessed by the present pastor or the proper church officers. These must be presented here by each of the contracting parties, with their passports as the first step.

I carefully noted this, and he proceeded:—

"The parents, if living, should certify to their knowledge and approval of the marriage. We must also be satisfied that there is no obstacle, legal, moral, or otherwise, to it; whether either of you have been married before, and if so, whether there are children, and if so, their names and ages. The parents' names should be in full; also their residence, occupation, age and place of birth should of course be given for record here."

I begged for another scrap of paper and made further notes.

"When we have these here in this desk," he continued, patting fondly the piece of furniture, "then either we can publish the bans (Aufgebot) by posting a notice of your intention in the Rathhaus for fourteen days, or else you can have it printed in the journal of the place where you reside in America, and bring us a copy here as evidence that it has actually appeared. After the expiration of this time you can be married at this office."

"Must it be here?" I queried.

"Of course," he said. "This is the only place where the law now recognizes. Poor people are content with civil marriage only, but all who move in good society go from here to the church for a religious ceremony."

"Is it not possible to shorten the time?" I timidly ventured to inquire. "We had made all the arrangements for an earlier day, and were seriously inconvenienced by the delay. I did not know the requirements. It takes four weeks to hear from America, and then two weeks more here, and—you do not, perhaps, exactly understand, and yet I hardly know how to explain. But there is really haste. We are pressed for time."

"Haste? pressed for time?" he repeated. "Perhaps I do not understand. I am sorry, but it cannot possibly be sooner. You think we are slow in Germany. True, but we are sure. We require our people to take time to think over the matter before hand, and divorce with us is far from being the easy matter I have heard it is in America."—*Atlantic.*

POWER OF BEAUTY.

Ines de Castro, whose sad fate has been the subject of many poems and tragedies, was the daughter of Pedro Fernandez de Castro, and came from a branch of the royal family of Castile. Having been appointed a lady-in-waiting to the wife of Dom Pedro, son of Alfonso IV of Portugal, her beauty captivated Dom Pedro, who, after the death of his wife, in 1345, secretly married Ines. His father, not knowing that they were married, consented to her being assassinated in 1355. On succeeding to the crown Dom Pedro declared that he had been lawfully married to Ines by Papal sanction, and in the presence of the archbishop of Guarda. This statement having been duly confirmed, the king gave orders that the corpse of Ines should be taken from its grave, clothed in royal attire, and, seated on the throne, should receive homage as queen. The singular ceremony was carried out, the nobles bowing before the enthroned dead, and kissing the hem of the royal robe. The body was afterwards removed to Alcobaca, and a magnificent monument was erected over the grave, surmounted by a statue of Ines wearing the royal crown.

TRAVELING IN ANGOLA.

The west coast of Africa in southern tropical latitudes, including the region sometimes called Lower Guinea, has belonged to the Portuguese, its discoverers, nearly four hundred years. But very little progress has yet been made in the actual colonization of Angola, and the few European settlements are little more than trading factories or mission stations, except St. Paul de Loanda, the port and capital of this province. The whole population, chiefly negroes of the Bunda nation, with less than ten thousand not of African race, is estimated at 240,000. The interior of the country, beyond the belt of forest-covered hills that girdles the arid seacoast, presents much agreeable pastoral and open woodland scenery. A piece of such landscape is often seen, with a traveler, most probably a half-caste trader on his way to collect wax and ivory, riding upon an ox, as Dr. Livingstone used to do in those latitudes of South Central Africa. The horse, it is well known, can hardly be kept, in most districts, on account of that poisonous fly, the tsetse, whose bite is fatal to horses. Where grass is abundant, as here, the bovine steed, though slow, will be found very serviceable, with a native attendant to walk at his head.

THE FIGHT.

It was a year when the Indian summer had been prolonged into the winter. Christmas had come and gone and a new year begun, but no snow had fallen on the river bank or neighboring hills.

Such was the condition of things one January morning, in a Kentucky town, upon the banks of the Ohio river, where I and some sixty other boys were gathered in a little frame school-house.

We had about made up our minds that old Jack Frost was a humbug, and winter a myth; but when the bell tapped for recess, the first boy out gave a shout which passed from mouth to mouth, until it became a universal cheer as we reached the play-ground, for, floating airily down from a dull gray sky came myriads of white snow-flakes!

Winter had come! Jack Frost was no longer a humbug! Before the bell again recalled us to our study, the ground was whitened with snow, and the school divided into two opposing armies.

That night was a busy one. All hands set to work manufacturing ammunition-sleds and shields for the coming battle. It was my fortune to be chosen as one of the garrison of the fort. There was not a boy late the next morning,—in fact, when the teachers arrived to open the school, they found all the scholars upon the play-grounds, rolling huge snow-balls. All night the snow had continued to fall, and it was now quite deep. When we were ont at noon, a beautifully modeled fort of snowy whiteness stood ready for us, and from a mound in the center floated the battle-flag.

Our company took their places inside the fortifications. We could see the enemy gathered around their captain at their camp, some two hundred yards distant, their ammunition-sleds loaded with snow-balls. The lieutenant bore their battle-flag.

Our teachers showed their interest by standing shivering with wet feet in the deep snow to watch the battle. At a blast from a tin horn, on rushed the foe! They separated, and came in two divisions, approaching us from the left and right.

"Now, boys!" cried our captain. "Don't throw a ball until they are within range."

Then, calling the pluckiest amongst us, a flaxen-haired country-boy, to his side, he whispered a word or two and pointed to the flag in the enemy's camp. The boy, who had been nicknamed "Daddy," on account of his old-looking face, slipped quietly over the rear wall of the fort, dodged behind a snow-drift, and then behind a fence, and was lost to sight. Forward marched the enemy, their battle-flag borne in advance of the party to the right. Their captain was at the head of the division to the left.

Having engaged our attention on the the two flanks, where we stood ready to receive them, as they neared us, by a quick and well-executed maneuver, rushing obliquely toward each other, the two divisions unexpectedly joined, and advanced, shield to shield, with their ammunition-sleds in the rear. It was in vain we pelted them with snow-balls; on they came, encouraged by a cheer from the teachers and some spectators who by this time had gathered near the school-house.

Three times had our noble captain been tumbled from his perch upon the mound in the center of the fort, when another burst of applause from the spectators announced some new development, and, as we looked, we could see "Daddy" with the colors of the enemy's camp in his arms, his tow hair flying in the wind, as he ran for dear life.

In an instant, the line of the enemy was all confusion; some ran to head off "Daddy," while others in their excitement shouted. It was our turn now, and we pelted their broken ranks with snow until they looked like animated snow-men. Another shout, and we looked around to find our captain down and the hands of one of the besieging party almost upon our flag. It was the work of a second to pitch the intruder upon his back outside the fort. Then came the tug of war. A rush was made to capture our standard, several of our boys were pulled out of the fort and taken prisoners, and the capture of the fort seemed inevitable. Again and again a number of the enemy, among whom was their color-bearer, gained the top of our breastworks, and again were they tumbled off, amid a shower of snow-balls that forced them to retire to gain breath and clear their eyes from the snow. Once, their lieutenant, with the red-bordered battle-flag, had actually succeeded in reaching the mound upon which stood our colors, when a combined attack that nearly resulted in his being made prisoner, drove him from the fort to gather strength for another rush. "Daddy" was now a prisoner, and the recaptured flag again floated over the enemy's camp, when the school-bell called us, fresh and glowing with exercise and healthful excitement, to our lessons. The battle was left undecided, and our fort was soon captured by a force stronger than any our companions were able to bring against it, for a warm south wind sprang up from the lowlands down the river, our fortification quickly yielded to its insidious attack, and the snow-campaign was over.—*St. Nicholas.*

SWINDLING THE PORTER.

The Legislature had just convened at the capital of Iowa. Gov. Grimes had arrived the night before and taken rooms at a certain hotel. A young aspirant for office from a distant portion of the state also drove up and alighted from his carriage at the steps of the same hotel. The hostler threw off his trunk, and the landlord conducted him to his room, leaving the trunk in the barroom. Wishing his trunk, the young man demanded to have it brought up, and seeing a man passing through the lower hall, whom he took to be the porter, he gave his commands in an imperious and lofty tone. The order was obeyed, the man charging a quarter of a dollar for his services. A marked quarter, that was good for only 20 cents, was slipped slyly into his hand, and was put into his pocket by the man with a smile.

"And now, sirrah!" cried the new arrival, "you know Gov. Grimes?"

"O yes, sir."

"Well, take my card to him, and tell him I wish an interview with him at his earliest convenience."

A peculiar look flashed from the man's blue eyes, and, with a smile, extending his hand, he said:—

"I am Gov. Grimes, at your service, sir."

"You—I—that is, my dear sir, I beg—a—a thousand pardons!"

"None needed at all, sir," replied Gov. Grimes; "I was rather favorably impressed with your letter, and had thought you well suited for the office specified. But, sir, any man who would swindle a workingman out of a paltry five cents would defraud the public treasury had he an opportunity! Good evening, sir."—*Hawkeye.*

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

An eccentric traveling tinker, who has been exciting the papers of the state, is said to be a graduate of Dartmouth college, and to have a family of grown-up sons in good circumstances.

The libel suit of Eben F. Pillsbury, the greenbacker, against Sprague & Son, has been non-suited in the superior court at Augusta, and he has begun a new suit in the United States district court in Portland.

Arthur C. Frost, a farmer of Deering, has been arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit money.

Charles Hathaway's two-story frame block at Norway, occupied by a meat market, cigar factory, and the New Religion newspaper and a shoe store has been burned; loss $5000; insured.

A weekly line of freight steamers between Bangor and New York is to be established in the spring.

New Hampshire.

The Concord railroad has purchased a controlling interest in the Nashua, Acton and Boston railroad at a reported price of $250,000.

Mrs. Nathaniel White of Concord has given $16,000 to the Centennial home for the aged in that city, the gift coming just in time to prevent a possible abandonment of the home.

Deerfield's town library has been opened, with Rev. H. O. Walker as librarian.

Rev. Jacob Leroy of the church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, has been called to Trinity church at Claremont.

Ex-Senator James W. Patterson, state superintendent of public instruction, has been appointed state commissioner to arrange for the Yorktown (Va.) centennial celebration.

Surveys have been made in the White mountains for a new road for summer travel, starting from Warren, thence to East Warren, then to the summit of Moosilauke mountain, and down its west side to Benton. A hotel on the summit of the mountain is also contemplated, and a telegraph line the whole way.

Vermont.

The hotel of R. J. Coffrey at Richmond was burned Wednesday night; loss $10,000, with $2000 insurance.

The Bennington and Rutland railroad are putting 300 tons of steel rails into their tracks.

The case of Budges against Sheldon & Slason has been ended by a decree of Judge Wheeler of the United States district court at Rutland, the defendants paying about $22,000, including their proportion of the costs.

The water-works of Fair Haven are finished and prove satisfactory, throwing an inch and a half stream 125 feet high.

Gov. Farnham has appointed the following persons to constitute the board of agriculture, and their appointment has been confirmed: Hiram A. Cutting of Lunenburg, Henry Lane of Cornwall, Elam M. Goodwin of Hartland, John B. Mead of Randolph, M. W. Davis of Westminster, Henry F. Lathrop of Pittsford.

Edward Conant of Randolph, who is succeeded as superintendent of education by Julius Dartt, has held the position for six years.

Massachusetts.

The new building for the Boston English high school and Latin school is said to be the largest free public building in the world, being 339 by 220 feet, with a hollow square in the middle. There are 56 rooms in all, including a drill hall 130 by 60, a gymnasium of the same dimensions, and an exhibition hall capable of seating 1250 persons.

A well-known grocer of Boston, who died recently, left $70 to be annually expended in caring for his dog, and that fortunate creature now eats sirloin steak three times a day and sleeps in a luxurious bed.

The joint committee for the Boston and Maine and Eastern directories has become practically agreed that a consolidation of the two roads will be for the best interests of both; that the Eastern having increased its gross earnings the past year, under the existing amicable arrangements by $419,000, as against an increase of $289,000 in the Boston and Maine, the consolidation can well be effected upon terms advantageous to the Eastern stockholders.

A boiler in Dodge's factory at Newburyport exploded with terrific effect recently, killing James Huntington, Daniel Bridges, stock-fitter, and John R. Bailey, fatally injuring N. Calkins, slightly injuring several others, and demolishing Charles Smith's heeling factory and the boiler-house. The boiler was blown 200 yards, and thousands of panes of glass were broken by the concussion. The loss of property is about $10,000, and 600 hands are thrown out of work.

About 50 feet of Massachusetts Central railroad sank out of sight in a pond at Waltham the other day.

Rev. A. E. Dunning of the Highland Congregational church, Boston, has resigned, to accept the secretaryship of the Congregational publishing society.

Rhode Island.

About two-thirds of the creditors of Sackett, Davis & Co. of Providence, representing $210,000, have decided to petition for the appointment of a receiver.

Julia Ward Howe has sued George A. Nooman and others for building a dam across a stream which flows through her property in Portsmouth, and which has heretofore furnished the supply of a large ornamental pond and for domestic purposes.

The First Seventh-day Baptist church of Hopkinton has called Rev. W. C. Tittsworth of Farina, Ill., and he has accepted.

It is reported that J. P. Conts, the thread manufacturer, has offered $86,000 for the Maitland estate in Newport.

C. McNealy of Providence was fatally injured recently while experimenting with naphthia, by an explosion.

The Woonsocket land league has $804 in its treasury, which is to be sent to Parnell.

Mrs. Bridget Dwyer of Blackstone recently lost $820 which she had just drawn from a savings bank.

Mary McCarty of Providence tried to commit suicide recently by eating the sulphur ends of matches. She took about three dozen before she became unconscious, but was saved by an emetic.

Connecticut.

Meriden has a great religious awakening through protracted revival meetings now being held, and several hundred people are said to have been converted.

The annual meeting of the society for the prevention of crime in New Haven was held recently, and a very favorable report made of the past year's work, showing that a number of variety theaters, houses of prostitution and policy shops have been closed, while their opposition to liquor licensing had had a good effect on keeping down the number of licenses granted.

A Danbury men has received 60 German carp from the government fish commission to be distributed in the various ponds of the town. The state fish commission has received 250,000 salmon eggs from the Penobscot river in Maine, of which 50,000 have already hatched.

H. H. Hayden, the alleged murderer of Mary Stannard, is now working for the folding chair company in New Haven.

There is said to be in existence a state law by which "every horse used in any horse-race and on which any wager is laid or any purse or stake made shall be forfeited to the state."

GENERAL NEWS.

Eugene Fairfax Williamson, alias "Gentleman Joe," who persecuted Rev. Morgan Dix of New York last winter with anonymous letters, died in the prison hospital at Sing Sing recently.

A half-frozen tramp arrested at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., recently, proves to be Henry E. Nelson, for many years postmaster at Greenville, N. C., who suddenly disappeared last September, having embezzled $2000 of money orders and $850 worth of postage stamps.

Rebecca Isaacs, 13 years old, died in New York from eating poisoned pickles.

Mrs. Mary Ferguson, 61 years old, of Brooklyn, died recently of blood poisoning. While washing, she ran a pin into the fore-finger of her right hand. The arm afterward swelled to an enormous size. The woman called in a physician, but it was too late, and she died, her body turning black all over.

The number of Boers in the field in South Africa is estimated at 4000, but it is thought that they cannot hold together. It is rumored that the Boers made an attack on the British camps at Podrhepstrom and were repulsed with loss.

The Bolton and Oldham, Eng., operative cotton spinners have applied for an advance of 5 per cent. in their wages. Four thousand colliers in the Ashton-Under-Lyne district struck recently for an advance of wages.

The telephone company in London, as an answer to the offer of the postmaster-general to supply telephones for public use, advertised a few days ago that it has the exclusive patent rights, and will proceed against the postmaster-general for any infringement of its rights.

M. Andermert, recently elected president of the Swiss Confederation for 1881, committed suicide in Berne.

At Napoleon, O., recently, Gen. B. T. Scott, ex-governor of South Carolina, and now a resident of Napoleon, shot and killed a young man named Drury.

The Boers fired on a detachment on the Pretoria and Lyndenburg road under cover of a flag of truce. At Patchefstrom, the greatest excitement prevails. Four persons have been murdered.

The Porte has been informed by the French ambassador that the European powers have accepted the arbitration scheme. Neither Turkey or Greece desires arbitration.

The Baltimore school board has refused to permit colored people, who are thoroughly qualified, to teach colored children, but the agitation of the question will probably result in favor of the colored people.

Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Chapin, pastor of the Universalist church of the Divine Paternity, died in New York recently. For the last four years Dr. Chapin has complained of fatigue which trips to Europe and other rest and recreation did not seem to relieve. While abroad he worried over the affairs of his church and longed to return, and he is believed to have fretted himself into the illness which terminated his life.

Five persons killed recently while crossing the railroad track near Claudeboye, Ont., were all witnesses in the great Biddulph murder trial, and were to be again called upon to give testimony in that case on January 24. The six prisoners are still in jail, and were greatly excited when they heard of the accident, as the killed were witnesses in their behalf.

Mrs. Lizzie Patterson, widow of Nicholas Patterson, a well-known Cincinnati merchant, has given to the children's home at Cincinnati 30 acres of land in the city, worth with the improvements $40,000.

National Capital Notes.

It is considered probable that the ways and means committee will report favorably on the bills to repeal the statutes taxing bank capital, deposits and checks. The total revenue from these three sources is $9,500,000.

It is proposed to take off taxes on matches and medicines, further diminishing the revenue by about $6,500,000.

Mr. Ritz, Swiss consul-general, says that Gen. Garfield intends to call attention to the Swiss immigration, in order to regulate it.

The public printer reports that the actual expenditures for the government for the year ending June 30, 1880, were for printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, etc., $2,034,750.

Admiral Shufeldt urges the establishment of a national bureau of commerce, to be under the supervision of the navy department.

During the last fiscal year there were manufactured and consumed in the United States nearly 414,000,000 gallons of fermented liquors.

The President refuses to do anything for the Oklahoma colonists.

The Sioux have received permission to take home with them their children, now at the Hampton (Va.) and Carlisle (Pa.) schools. There is an excellent boarding school at the Cheyenne river agency, where the children will be sent.

Mr. Schurz's new agreement with the Poncas gives them $140,000 for their Dakota reservation and asks them $50,000 for their location in Indian territory; $70,000 of the purchase money is to be invested in 5 per cents for the benefit of the tribe.

TERRIBLE DEATH.

John Howard entered Petersburg alone and on foot. The police discovered him, and he was invited to visit the Empress Catherine at court. He respectfully informed her majesty that he had come to Russia to visit the dungeons of the captives and the abodes of the wretched, not the palaces and courts of kings and queens.

Armed with power, he went to see the infliction of the knout. A man and woman were brought out. The man received sixty strokes and the woman twenty-five. "I saw the woman," says Howard, "in a very weak condition some days after, but could not find the man any more." Determined to ascertain what had become of him, Howard visited the executioner. "Can you," he said, "inflict the knout so as to occasion death in a very short time?" "Yes!" "In how short a time?" "In a day or two." "Have you ever so inflicted it?" "Yes! the last man who was punished by my hand with the knout died of the punishment." "In what manner do you thus render it mortal?" "By one or two strokes on the sides, which carry off large pieces of flesh." "Do you receive orders thus to inflict the punishment?" "I do!" Thus the boast of Russia that capital punishment had been abolished throughout the empire, was effectually exposed.

ART AND SCIENCE.

In some recent experiments at Paris the fumes of burning coffee were shown to have a disinfecting power quite remarkable.

Two sons of the late Wilhelm von Kaulbach are now rising to eminence as painters, and showing that they have inherited the artistic talent of their famous father. Their cousin H. von Kaulbach, of Hanover, is also becoming distinguished.

An Italian professor has made some very agreeable researches, resulting in the discovery that vegetable perfumes exercise a positively healthful influence on the atmosphere, converting its oxygen into ozone, and thus increasing its oxidizing influence. He recommends the cultivation of flowers in all marshy districts.

During the course of some excavations at Villagrande, Sardinia, some very remarkable instruments have been found, if, as is believed, they belong to the bronze epoch, which is supposed to have been exceptionally prolonged in this part of the island. The instruments in question are two bronze saws and a four-pronged fork, all found in the same repository.

In 1611 Holland offered a reward of 25,000 guilders (about $10,000) for the discovery of that northwest passage which Frof. Nordenskjold has at last, in our day, accomplished. This offer was long forgotten, but it was never recalled and it is now probable that Holland will pay the promised reward to the successful explorer, little though he dreamed of the possibility of such compensation when he started on his enterprise.

The extreme length of human hair does not exceed seven feet, and this, of course, is very rare. In the hair court of the international exposition of 1862, there was a specimen of jet black hair of British growth, measuring 74 inches; and in the South Kensington museum there are two heads of hair weighing 11 1-2 ounces; but the average length of marketable hair is 20 inches, and the weight of a single crop rarely exceeds five ounces.

An electric stone-breaker is the latest invention. A dynamo-electro machine furnishes the power to an electro-magnetic chopper capable of delivering from 1000 to 2000 blows per minute. Stone-breaking requires the exertion of very great forces through very small distances—in fact, precisely the kind of work for which electro-magnetic machines on a large scale might be expected to be successful, if only the cost of generating the electricity were not so serious.

Dr. Cutter states that the increase of nervous diseases, decaying teeth, premature baldness and general lack of muscular and bone strength are greatly due to the impoverished quality of flour now in use, the gluten being thrown away in order to make the flour white. He urges the use of unbolted flour, and of eggs, milk and butter. He denies that fish is brain food, or that Agassiz ever said that it was, and claims that butter, being nearly all fat is a better kind of brain food than any other.

Some German and Russian rail-mills employ, it is stated, an ingenious method of overcoming the difficulty of cutting hot rails, so that they may be all of the same length when cold. According to this plan, the rails are looked at through a dark glass; when they have cooled to a certain temperature they can not be perceived; and if, therefore, a dull blue or an orange yellow glass is used, the rails may still be at a red glow but the light radiated from them does not reach the eye. It may be considered that the light from two rails, observed through the same dark glass, disappears at the same temperature, and thus a rule is obtained for cutting the rails to the same identical gauge. This plan has been in use for a considerable time with excellent results.

WANTED MORE FUNERALS.

Negroes may be said to have a passion for funerals. For the pleasure of attending the funeral of a person they have probably never seen, and at the risk of losing their places, the maid will leave her mistress to sweep her own floor and the man will delegate to his master the duty of saddling his own horse. The idea of being buried with a sword and sash across his coffin, a brass band at the head of the procession, and a bass-drum sobbing in the rear, causes many a colored soldier to meet death with a composure which the physician attending him probably ascribes to his soporifics and the minister to his comforting words.

"Mis' Bettie," said the dining-room servant of my next-door neighbor, standing in the doorway, his hat in both hands, "Mis' Bettie, I'd like ter go ter a funul dis mornin', ef you kin spar me."

"Why, John!" said Mrs. P. with a most unusual vibration of her sweet voice, "why, John, the mortality among your acquaintances is something fearful. I never knew any one but an undertaker to attend as many funerals as you do."

"Lor' Mis' Bettie!" exclaimed John in a tone of remonstrance and reproach. Then he swung his hat sidewise between his knees, and added in a tone of intense self-commiseration. "I don't see how you kin say dat, Mis' Bettie. I bin thinkin' how funuls was mighty skase 'mongst my friends!"

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

A "hinge event" which led to the execution of the Suez canal scheme was the elder Lesseps having divined in a poor and unlettered Turkish officer, Mehemet Ali, a vast genius and the man who was to break down the power of the Mamelukes. The French diplomat reported in this sense to his government and was instructed to be guided by his own judgment in bringing the officer forward. M. de Lesseps invited the Turk to his house, and showed himself in various ways his friend. But suddenly the officer withdrew from his company and kept out of the way. When Mehemet was a great man he said to M. Ferdinand de Lesseps: "Your father must have been puzzled to think what my reason was for keeping aloof from him after I had accepted so much kindness. It was this: A silver knife and fork, I heard the servant say, had been stolen from his table at a dinner to which I went. I was so poor that I fancied I would pass in his eyes for being the thief, and never dared after to return." Soon after Mehemet had related this anecdote he asked M. Ferdinand de Lesseps to allow Prince Said, his son, to pass his afternoons at the French consulate, in order that he might pick up the French that was spoken there. The boy grew fondly attached to the intelligent and kind-hearted diplomat. When he was viceroy and the Suez concession was asked for, he gave M. de Lesseps a carte blanche.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

HOW TO USE WEALTH.

Plainly enough, the man who would do the greatest possible service to society, if he is to do it through any existing institution, can do nothing better than to bestow his fortune on a college or university. And the same principle which dictates that he should use his wealth as a total sum, instead of wasting its force by scattering it, dictates also that he should choose for his endowment an institution that is already a power, and that has already received, and is likely to receive in future, other such endowments. In this way will his means, reinforced by that of others, continually gain in power of service. The force which would keep in motion or accelerate a body already moving, might be utterly powerless to initiate its motion. Many a handsome sum has been thrown away on some small and helpless institution, which would have been of immense value if joined with the momentum of a vigorous university. In any such university, where there is a solid foundation and active energy of growth, one may find abundant opportunities for rich investments. There are new buildings that need to be erected for the service of science or art. When men build granite monuments on which to inscribe their names, why do they not build them in such wise as this, that so their memories, instead of being left to the forgotten solitudes of the graveyard, may be treasured by successive generations of grateful students and scholars? There are costly laboratories to be founded; there are libraries to be collected, bringing to our young men and women, isolated in our remote regions, the intellectual harvest of the whole world; there are scholarships and fellowships to be established, giving to poor and talented youth the opportunities for which they hunger and thirst. Every county in the state has wealth which might easily maintain at the university a score of its brightest youth. And every county has private fortunes that might endow a free academy or high school within its borders, so that its youth should go to college finely prepared. Above all, there are chairs in the university to be endowed—a hundred fields of science, art and philosophy that should be filled by the foremost men of the world, and that now are silent and empty.

ON THE RHINE.

The Rheinlander, in common with the rest of his countrymen, is very fond of diversion, but does his share of honest work too. He works slowly, but steadily, without hurry or strain or feverish ambition. Life is all mapped out in Germany for each new-comer, every step is calculated, and individual impulse plays but a small part in the programme. The various phases of educational discipline, and even the trade or profession, are usually selected for the candidate by his parents. The matrimonial arrangements are commonly controlled by them. The German is only an atom in a great machine; he has small personal responsibility and little choice. He retains thus a certain childishness of nature, which, whatever may be said of it in other respects, is not without its charm as it exhibits itself in the diversions and innocent pleasures that beguile his life even to its latest years.

MUST FIGHT.

Marshal Lannes, duke of Montebello, when he was general of a brigade, entailed the censure of the great Napoleon, although the latter admired him for his genius and his bravery. The emperor, in one of his characteristic fits of passion, deprived him of his command, telling him he should never again draw a sword in the service of France. Some months after, and while reviewing his troops, Napoleon saw a private in the ranks whose appearance was strikingly like that of the degraded general. The emperor advanced towards him, and at once recognized in the humble soldier his once-distinguished brigadier. "Lannes," said Napoleon, "I thought I ordered that you should never again draw a sword in the French service." "You did, sire," replied the private; "but you can't prevent me from fighting for my country with a musket." Napoleon acknowledged the true nobility of the man, and immediately restored him to his command.

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[Chicago Tribune.]

Thomas O. Thompson, Esq., the mayor's secretary, who, some few days ago, slipped on a banana peel and sprained his knee, writes that St. Jacobs Oil "acted like a charm."

"I've been told doctor," said a fretful patient, troubled with insomnia, "that a man can go to sleep if he will only firmly and resolutely fix his mind on nothing." "Think of yourself, then," advised the doctor, bluntly.

[La Fayette Daily Journal.]

Anxious to Rise.

There's plenty of room up stairs, as Daniel Webster said to the young lawyer anxious to rise, but despondent of his chance to do so; but no one need injure himself, either in climbing the stairs of fame or those of his own house or business place. The following is to the point: Mr. John A. Hutchinson, Supt. Downer's kerosene oil works, Boston, Mass., writes: "Mr. Patton, one of our foremen, in walking up stairs last week, sprained his leg badly. I gave him a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil to try. He used it, and an almost instantaneous cure was effected.

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